

April 30, 2009 Minutes of Bigfork Land Use Advisory Committee

Committee members present: Darrel Coverdell, John Bourquin, Shelley Gonzales, Gary Ridderhoff, Charles Gough, Sue Hanson 3 and members of the public.

Chairman Gonzales called the meeting to order at 4: 07 pm.

The Agenda was adopted as presented (m/sc Gough/Bourquin) – unanimous.

A motion to adopt the minutes for the Special Meeting February 19, 2009. (m/sc Gough/Ridderhoff)- unanimous. Minutes of the March 26, 2009 meeting were approved as amended (corrections to spelling)-unanimous. (m/sc Bourquin/Ridderhoff)- unanimous.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

A. Sign-in Sheet: Reminder to the public of the availability of BLUAC minutes through email and BSC website bigforksteering.org/.

B. Application status: Shaggagi will have to re-apply. Stoddard will have to re-apply. The Planning Board passed the Bielenberg/Thorsrud Zone Change. Wagner also reported the Stoddard property is listed for sale.

APPLICATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Bigfork Neighborhood Plan:

Gonzales reported the Flathead County Commissioners voted unanimously on April 23, 2009, to sign a Resolution to Adopt the Bigfork Neighborhood Plan with a 30-day comment period. She further commented that BJ suggested we get as many people in Bigfork, as possible, to write comments in support of the BNP to the Commissioners. The few who are opposed will be very vocal. The Secretary was directed to send an email requesting comments from the BSC members. A motion, by Bourquin, to write a draft letter on behalf of BLUAC in support of the BNP, to be distributed to committee members for additions/comments before sending (with signatures of all BLUAC members), to enelson@flathead.mt.gov plus all three Commissioners. Draft should be brief, include facts regarding number of meetings and people who worked on the plan, and process of Land Use Designation Map. Motion seconded by Coverdell passed unanimously.

~~Gough attended the April 29 meeting at the Commissioners where representatives of Touris addressed objections to the plan. A former BLUAC member suggested this action. They presented a petition with 100 signatures in opposition to the BNP. Gough offered that the Commissioners consider facts rather than opinions. BLUAC members questioned why CFBB would support this opposition. Gonzales will contact the Chairman of CFBB.~~

Gough attended the April 29 meeting of the Commissioners where representatives of the Touris group addressed the BNP and requested changes in the Land Use Designation Map. Such change would designate an area, including Touris, United Tool Rental and Martel Construction, as Industrial. They stated that a former BLUAC member had suggested going direct to the Commissioners to get this accomplished. They also stated they had a petition with approximately 100 signatures in support of their request and indicated that Donna Lawson, president of CFBB, had signed their petition. Gough indicated that he had pointed out to the Commissioners that certain representations of the Touris group were their opinions and not supported by the facts of the situation.

B. By-laws & Policies & Procedures:

Coverdell moved the amended BLUAC By-laws be approved. Motion seconded by Gough. Motion passed unanimously. Secretary will acquire signatures of Guerrant and Johnson before delivering to the Commissioners.

The members present felt there were no changes necessary to the Policies & Procedures. Since Johnson was not in attendance, the Secretary will contact him about any questions he has and report at the next meeting.

C. Liquor License Applications:

Gonzales reported Department of Revenue has **approved received** an application for a Liquor License from River Street Enterprises, 260 River Street (old Rebar). They did not applied for gambling. Applicant is Roxanne Rayhill.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Member at Large:

Secretary has posted the 30-day notice at the three public places in Bigfork plus the BSC email list for the position.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pat Wagner asked about the status of sign violations. A. At the 2-26-09 BLUAC meeting George Smith commented, "After three notices the violation goes to the county attorney's office where it is put in a pile and maybe it will get read in 2 years. George would like to be deputized and carry a badge so he could issue citations perhaps. A motion was made to send a letter to the commissioners asking them to give George Smith, who investigates these violations, the authority to cite and fine. (m/sc Coverdell/Gonzales). Motion passed. George will get back to BLUAC with the exact wording he needs. Gonzales will follow up with Smith.

Craig Wagner reported the B of A has one application for May, which is a variance for a sign for the Trading Post as West Glacier

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Sue Hanson
BLUAC Secretary

